

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 5, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tina Fletcher, LPN
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller Nursing, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Fletcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fletcher moved, Worthy seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, October 5, 2017, Fletcher declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Worthy moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI171035 – Upon receipt of safe to practice statement, refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, substance abuse stipulations, a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction and a fine of \$500 for a continuing education violation.

LPNI170471 – Send a Letter of Concern (Patient Abuse).

LPNI170467 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct quarterly random urine drug screens through Affinity, quarterly reports (personal, employer) for 24 months.

RNI170978– Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include quarterly reports (personal, employer) and a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction. May seek termination once probation has been terminated in Tennessee.

RNI180033 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI170635 – Send a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

RNI180103 – Close the case.

RNI180089 – Close the case. Worthy abstained.

RNI170646 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent agreement to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Issue temporary permit for re-entry with signed consent agreement.

RNI170893 – Close the case.

RNI180248 – Send a letter of modification with new sobriety date of April 4, 2017.

RNI170965 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct (diversion), must wean off Suboxone within six (6) months, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

LPNI180101 – Reinstate with a Letter of Concern (Criminal). Must submit letter of successful completion of probation.

LPNI180102 – Send letter to applicant requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator for consideration of licensure. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI160370 – Refer for a peer review.

LPNI180079 – License with a Letter of Concern (Arrest).

LPNI160333 – Close the case.

LPNI170321 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy – with psychiatrist certified in addiction medicine to treat the substance use disorder and bipolar disorder, and medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, monthly PEth testing for one (1) year with UDS (including EtG and EgS) throughout the order.

LPNI170140 – Close the complaint.

LPNI180119 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order for a continuing education violation to include a fine of \$500.

RNI170024 – Close the case with no action.

RNI150716 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift suspension with the submission of an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Deny the renewal.

RNI180203 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI170044/RNI180274 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management along with physician monitoring Georgia prescription drug monitoring program), drug screens: two (2) years quarterly hair follicle and UDS throughout order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, a fine of \$500 for continuing education violation and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

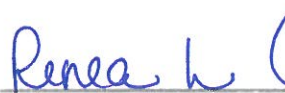
Comes now Tina Fletcher the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the RN Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, October 5, 2017 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT


Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 5th day of October 2017


Notary Public

